

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2519–S2557

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2301–2327, and S. Res. 427–431. **Pages S2545–46**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013.” (S. Rept. No. 112–156)

S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–155)

S. 2322, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–157)

S. 2323, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–158) **Page S2545**

Measures Passed:

Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1021, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2556–57**

Reid (for Coons) Amendment No. 2084, to address bankruptcy filing fee increases, future reauthorizations. **Pages S2556–57**

75th Anniversary of the Founding of Ducks Unlimited: Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated, the achievements of the organization in habitat conservation, and the support of the organization for the waterfowling heritage of the United States. **Page S2557**

Measures Considered:

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. **Pages S2519–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 12 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2012; provided further, that following the Republican Leader, or his designee, being recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 36, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, at 4 p.m.

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21st Century Postal Service Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions with respect to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 to S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, and to S. 1789, be withdrawn; the motion to recommit be withdrawn; that the pending amendments Reid Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2000, and Reid Amendment No. 2015 (to the language proposed to be stricken (by Amendment No. 2000))), be withdrawn and that the following amendments be the only amendments in order to S. 1789 or Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000: McCain Amendment No. 2001; Tester Amendment No. 2056; Coburn Amendment No. 2060; McCain Amendment No. 2033, Wyden-Feinstein Amendment No. 2020; Coburn Amendment No. 2058; McCaskill-Merkley Amendment No. 2031; Coburn Amendment No. 2061; Snowe Amendment No. 2080; Udall (NM) Amendment No. 2043; Durbin Amendment No. 2082; Akaka Amendment No. 2034; Bennet-Blunt Amendment No. 2047; Corker Amendment No. 2083; Mikulski Amendment No. 2003; Akaka Amendment No. 2049; Paul Amendment No. 2025; Manchin Amendment No. 2079; Paul Amendment No. 2026; Bingaman Amendment No. 2076; Paul Amendment No. 2027; Cardin Amendment No. 2040; Paul Amendment No. 2028;

Carper Amendment No. 2065; Paul Amendment No. 2029; Carper Amendment No. 2066; Paul Amendment No. 2039; Casey Amendment No. 2042; Paul Amendment No. 2038; Landrieu Amendment No. 2072; DeMint Amendment No. 2046; McCaskill Amendment No. 2030; Coburn Amendment No. 2059; Pryor Amendment No. 2036; Rockefeller Amendment No. 2073; Rockefeller Amendment No. 2074; Schumer Amendment No. 2050; Tester Amendment No. 2032; and Warner Modified Amendment No. 2071; that on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed; that there be two minutes equally divided in the usual form prior to each vote; that all after the first vote be 10 minute votes; that the amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that there be no other amendments in order to the bill, the substitute amendment, as modified, or the amendments listed; and there be no points of order or motions in order to any of these amendments, the substitute amendment, or the bill, other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; and that upon disposition of the amendments, the substitute amendment, as modified and amended, if amended, be agreed to; provided further, the bill, as amended, then be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that the vote on passage of the bill be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold. **Pages S2538, S2557**

National Labor Relations Board—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2012, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 36, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures; that there be up to four hours of debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the first two hours of debate, equally divided, occur from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2012, and the final two hours of debate, equally divided, occur from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 24, 2012; that at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, Senate vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of

the joint resolution; and all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. **Pages S2538–39**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2012 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–46) **Pages S2543–44**

Wimes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian C. Wimes, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2557**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2557.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2323) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013;

An original bill (S. 2322) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing, and